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SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF ARPA REPRESENTATIVE TO
AUSTRALIA

REF: CANBERRA 4745

FOR EA DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SNEIDER FROM AMBASSADOR

1. SUBSEQUENT TO DISPATCH OF REFTEL, I WAS CONCERNED TO
NOTE THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN REPEATED TO CINCPAC. I HAVE
HAD TELEGRAM REPEATED TO CINCPAC, AND I HAVE SENT PER-
SONAL MESSAGE TO ADMIRAL GAYLOR, FURTHER EXPANDING MY
POINT OF VIEW.

2. I POINTED OUT THAT HIGHLY SENSITIVE POLITICAL AREA
IN WHICH ARPA REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE OPERATING MAKES IT
ESSENTIAL THAT WE KEEP IN CLOSEST TOUCH WITH HIM AND BE
AWARE OF WHAT HE IS DOING ON CONTINUING BASIS. THIS IS
BEST ENSURED, IN MY VIEW, BY MAKING HIM A PART OF MY
OFFICIAL FAMILY, UNDER USDAO. MOREOVER, USDAO IS LARGER
OFFICE THAN CINCPACREP AND IS IN CONTACT WITH BROAD
RANGE OF SENIOR AUSTRALIAN DEFENSE OFFICIALS WHO ARE
MOST CONCERNED WITH OUR DEFENSE INTERESTS IN AUSTRALIA.

3. I SAID I HAVE HIGHEST REGARD FOR COL. HENDERSON

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AND CINCPACREP STAFF. HOWEVER, THEIR DUTIES RESULT

IN THEIR BEING ABSENT FROM CANBERRA FREQUENTLY AND, AT TIMES, FOR CONSIDERABLE PERIODS. THIS HAMPERS THEIR ABILITY TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH ARPA REPRESENTATIVE, PARTICULARLY IN CONTEXT OF PRESENT, DELICATE POLITICAL SITUATION IN WHICH ARPA WILL BE OPERATING.

4. I MENTIONED TO ADMIRAL GAYLOR THAT AT TIME REFTEL WAS DISPATCHED I HAD NOT BEEN AWARE THAT TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE, GOING BACK TO 1969, TO PUT ARPA REPRESENTATIVE HERE UNDER CINCPACREP AUSTRALIA. I SAID THAT I CONTINUE TO HOLD THE VIEW, AS EXPRESSED IN REFTEL AND FOR THE FURTHER REASONS STATED IN MESSAGE TO ADMIRAL GAYLOR, THAT ARPA REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD BE UNDER USDAO.

5. AS I MENTIONED IN REFTEL, I AM CONCERNED AT THE PRESENCE OF 10 SEPARATE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT UNITS IN AUSTRALIA, MOST OF WHICH ARE AUTONOMOUS OR SEMI-AUTONOMOUS AND REPORT ON PARALLEL LINES BACK TO DIFFERENT COMMANDS IN HONOLULU AND WASHINGTON. I WILL BE LOOKING INTO THIS MATTER MORE CLOSELY AND WILL FORWARD RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSOLIDATION AND RATIONALIZATION OF THIS RATHER LOOSE SETUP.
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